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The Outlook

THE year just ended cannot be said to have contributed much or anything towards a stabilised world peace, yet it seems to be the firm opinion of many political leaders and competent observers that the New Year brings more promise of peace and order than any day of 1952. The cold war in the West and the hot war in the East—in Korea, Indo-China and Malaya—may continue for a long time. Nevertheless a mounting Allied strength has held and stabilised a world front against Communism. There can be no more bloodless Communist conquests and the conviction has grown that Stalin will not risk direct armed conflict. The overall picture in Western Europe is reasonably encouraging, one contributing factor being that employment remains high and economic conditions are fairly stable. Certainly there are no signs of an economic slump which might drive the workers to Communism. In contrast to the Communist dominated states has recently been badly shaken, Poland, Hungary and Eastern Germany, all former food-exporting areas, are now themselves hungry. And there is plenty of evidence to indicate that the bizarre trial and execution in Prague of a group of Czechoslovakian one-time Red leaders on treason charges has shocked opinion even in the satellite states.

BUT while the Western allies have strengthened their defences during the past year and consolidated their spiritual and political alliance, the New Year opens with momentous problems pressing on all sides. The most urgent confronting Britain and the Commonwealth is the filling of the dollar gap, a task which can only be fulfilled with some sort of assistance and co-operation from the United States. It is this which gives profound importance to the visit of Mr. Churchill to America. It is certain that he will discuss with Mr. Eisenhower ways and means of developing and selling the Commonwealth's produce to help bridge the dollar gap, and it is equally certain he will urge a higher gold price with the same objective in view. Mr. Churchill may not receive all the assurances he desires, but it may be taken for granted that his visit will not be fruitless.

EXPLOSION DISASTER

40 Killed, 360 Injured In Valparaiso MANY FIREMEN ARE VICTIMS

Valparaiso, Chile, Jan. 1. A terrific explosion and fire in a waterfront powder magazine killed 40 persons and injured 360—58 of them seriously—before dawn on New Year's Day. The casualty figures were given by the Chilean Government.

Thirty of those killed were firemen fighting the blaze that touched off the explosion.

The blast occurred at 3 a.m. while streets were still crowded with holiday revellers.

Seven hours later emergency crews were still searching for additional dead or injured.

The explosion hurled flaming debris and the bodies of some of the firemen into the air.

One eyewitness said that he saw the bodies of at least two firemen thrown into the air. They had been on ladders of fire engines.

Reports said that "dozens" of persons are believed to be missing in the explosion which occurred in the city's bay front area in a storehouse for dynamite and powder.

The force of the blast almost caused two buildings to collapse. Witnesses said that the flames shot high into the air and lit the night sky as if day had suddenly come.

The noise of the explosion was heard eight miles away in suburban Vina del Mar.

Two fire trucks were destroyed. Several shops were wrecked.

An unconfirmed report said that the fire was started by a boy who threw a petard inside the storehouse.

Blood plasma was made ready in Sanitago for shipment on the first available planes and trains. Six bodies have been identified thus far. The radio station broadcast the names of the dead and injured. One Carabinero was among those killed.

The explosion interrupted the New Year celebrations at 3 a.m. When windows over a vast area were broken many at first believed that there had been an earthquake.

Eleven fire companies from Vina del Mar fought the blaze.

BEYOND RECOGNITION

Ambulances, doctors and nurses rushed to the scene. The injured were taken to hospitals or to first aid stations. The bodies of some of the victims were burned so badly that

Stolen Car Plunges 80ft Over Peak Rd

There was some excitement on The Peak yesterday evening shortly past 8 o'clock when Police cars converged on the scene following a report that a motor car had plunged several feet down the hillside.

A Hillman car, No. 7681, was found about 80 feet over the side of The Peak Road, above Magazine Gap. There was no indication that anyone was in the car when it crashed.

It was later discovered that the vehicle had been reported stolen. It belonged to Miss Pat Drummond-Smith, of the Airways Department of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd. She had parked it outside a friend's house near the Royal Naval Hospital on The Peak yesterday afternoon, and found it missing about 5.45 p.m.

Police inquiries are continuing.

25 People Escape Death After Plane Breaks In Two

Birmingham, Jan. 1.

A twin-engined airliner with 25 persons aboard hit a tree on a crash-landing today and broke in two, leaving the tail section caught high in the branches of a sturdy oak. Fantastically, not one of the 22 passengers and crew of three was seriously injured.

The plane, a DC-3 operated by Aer Lingus Line of the Irish Republic, came down in a thick mist in a field at a village near Birmingham when both engines cut out.

As it hit the 60-foot oak tree the tail section of the fuselage, nearly 25 feet long, was cut off and stuck fast in the branches.

The forward part of the plane plummeted to a bolly-landing in the field, tearing off both propellers, smashing through a hedge, skidding across a highway and knocking down a telephone pole.

The white-faced passengers—all in the forward section of the plane—stepped out of the wreckage uninjured. The pilot, Capt. P. J. Hanley, and his co-pilot, Peter Whyte, were taken to a hospital for treatment of severe cuts and shock.

The plane broke in two just at the last row of passenger seats. Capt. Hanley was flying at 7,000 feet when he reported to Eimdon Airport here—his destination—that one of his engines had failed. He took the liner down to 4,000 feet and then the second engine quit.

Hanley then glided the craft down to the ploughed field for a forced landing.

CASE OF COURAGE

The passengers highly praised Miss Philomena McCleesky, the stewardess, for her calm courage. Said W. B. Mansfield of Coventry:

"She was marvellous. When the engines began to cut out she told us to pray and then kept us calm."

"The next we knew was that there was a few bumps, and the plane seemed to crumple up about us."

S. H. Pritchard, owner of the farm where the plane crashed, told reporters he ran to the scene and found the passengers "coming quietly out of the aircraft, as calm as though they were getting off a bus."

He invited them all to his farmhouse and served hot drinks while they waited for cars to take them on to Birmingham.

Less than an hour later another Aer Lingus plane of the same type, bound from London to Dublin, was forced to return to London because of icing of the wings. It landed safely.—Associated Press.

STREET FIGHT IN TEHERAN

Teheran, Jan. 1.

Three persons were injured and six arrested in a double street fight outside the Majlis (Parliament) building on Thursday.

A "Tudeh" (Communist) Party crowd demanding the release of political prisoners was attacked by extreme Rightist Fan Iranian Party members.

At the same time across the square a group of about 50 women, many accompanied by children, were seeking to petition for support of women's demands for the vote. They were set upon by Conservative opponents of women's suffrage.

"Simultaneous clashes" continued for about half an hour until police restored order.—Associated Press.

Pigeons Carry Greetings To The Queen

London, Jan. 1.

British fishermen on a trawler off the east coast of England today used carrier pigeons to send a message of loyal greetings 100 miles to Queen Elizabeth.

The message was delivered to Sandringham, the Royal home in eastern England, where the Queen and her family are now in residence, and was received personally by the Duke of Edinburgh.

Because it is unusual for pigeons to fly long distances at this time of the year, three birds were used each carrying the same message.

The first pigeon, returned to its loft at Sandringham, 25 miles from Sandringham, after a flight lasting four hours and twenty minutes.

The owner of the birds drove with the message to Sandringham.—Reuter.

Royal Mourning

London, Jan. 1.

Queen Elizabeth is observing family mourning for one week from December 29 for the late Queen Alexandra of Denmark, a Buckingham Palace announcement said today.

Queen Alexandra, the Danish Queen's Mother, died at Copenhagen on December 28, aged 73.—Associated Press.

MISSOURI BOMBARDS CHONGJIN

Tokyo, Jan. 1.

Navy Headquarters today said the battleship USS Missouri bombarded Chongjin, 55 miles south of the Manchurian border, on Tuesday.

The ship's target was a key Communist war factory, the Navy said.

The Missouri kept up a day-long bombardment on the factory and completely destroyed one building, seriously damaged three and partially damaged another.

The ship's guns scored a direct hit on the roof of the factory's main building and damaged its three sides.

It was the second time the ship had struck at Chongjin since returning to the Korean theatre for a second tour of duty.

In mid-November the Missouri took part in an air-sea strike at Chongjin when she seriously damaged a steel mill.

Besides damaging the factory, the Missouri destroyed a railway bridge and damaged three others.

Chongjin has been a pig-iron and steel export centre since 1908.—Reuter.

TRAGIC DEATH IN DRY DOCK

Valetta, Jan. 1.

A Royal Marine was found dying at the bottom of a dry dock here as crowds danced and ships' sirens heralded the first minutes of 1953.

Stanley George Waymer, 32-year-old Royal Marine serving in the cruiser Glasgow, was rushed to hospital but died a few minutes after admission.

He was found in the dry dock where the Commander-in-Chief's flagship, the Glasgow, is refitting for the coronation review at Spithead. Engines of warships in harbour were at half mast this morning.—Reuter.

RECEIVES NEW YEAR HONOURS

Information has been received by the Hongkong manager of Biscoe & Wilcock Ltd., that the company's Managing Director, Mr. Kenneth Hague, has been conferred a knighthood in the New Year's Honours list.

Mr. Kenneth Hague visited Hongkong a year ago and is well known to the local business community.

US Navy Wants 12 Super-Size Aircraft-Carriers

Washington, Jan. 1.

The Navy boosted tonight to at least a dozen the number of super-size, 60,000-ton aircraft carriers it wants for an atomic age fleet.

This was disclosed in a semi-annual report of the Defence Department which also includes the reports of the service secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The Navy has two super-carriers under construction. It won approval for the big flattops from Congress despite opposition from the Air Force to building more than one as an experiment. During recent months Navy officials have talked of the need for building one such carrier each year for a decade. But in the semi-annual report, Navy Secretary Dan Kimball wrote:

"The time has come to consider replacements of the capital ships of the Navy and only a beginning has been made with the Forrestal (first of the two) and its sister ship.

"Based on current world conditions, a minimum of 12 Forrestal class carriers are required if the Navy is to carry out its primary mission. Experience has proven that in order to provide these ships to fleet in an orderly fashion and because of the particularly long lead (the time between design and delivery) required, increased construction should commence immediately."

Mr. Kimball reiterated the contention that bigger ships, with heavier flight decks unobstructed by conventional islands, are needed for the weighty and swift jet aircraft now replacing the smaller planes of World War II.

The reports cover the period only to last June 30, although the Navy issued a separate summary of 1952 activities to complete its report for the year.

Defence Secretary Robert A. Lovett's report was the last detailed one he will make, except for a brief and final report expected to come just before he leaves office on January 19.

CONTINUING THREAT

Mr. Lovett pleaded for a continuation of the rearmament effort, saying:

"The United States is facing a continuing, not a temporary, threat to its security. Our military programme has been and must remain geared to the hard realities of this fact."

Mr. Lovett wrote that by last June weapons and equipment were rolling off production lines "in ever greater quantities" and that prospects for substantial increases were good except for delays resulting from the steel strike then in progress.

Then, sounding a hopeful note for the rearmament programme, he said:

"In two years of partial mobilization, the United States has increased its actual and potential military strength to a level which should give pause to even the most reckless aggressor."

He even held out hope for eventual reduction of the outlay for defence, saying that with the present fiscal year budget the major capital investments have been authorized and that "we are now entering a period of lower military budgets, although military expenditures will continue high for a number of years."

(This referred to the spending of money already appropriated under past budgets.)

DISADVANTAGE

He mentioned the disadvantage at which the West had been placed in relation to Russia because of the post-war cut-backs in defence.

Mr. Lovett said that between 1945 and 1948, the United States and Britain reduced defence expenditures by over 85 per cent, while Soviet expenditures, including only those admitted in their published budget, were reduced from their peacetime expenses by only 48 per cent.

Mr. Lovett's discussion of manpower problems contained the warning that future draft calls "are expected to continue at a high level as replacements must be found for the inductees" who were drafted back in 1950.

(The Army earlier this week asked for 53,000 draftees in February.)

He reiterated his request for universal military training, saying it is "the only alternative in the present world situation to a constantly growing Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force."

The total military manpower as of last June 30 was 3,036,000 (slightly higher than the current strength).

Hospital Attendants On Strike

Trouble Spreads At S'pore Naval Base

Singapore, Jan. 2.

Fifty hospital attendants will go on strike at 6 p.m. today.

An eleventh hour attempt by the Singapore Naval Base authorities to dissuade them from joining the ranks of 10,000 strikers failed yesterday.

The Naval Health Officer, and the Labour Supervisor of the Base met Union officials for two hours yesterday. B. Sithiah, Union President, said after the meeting that the authorities wanted at least 300 men to return to their work and run essential health services.

Sithiah said the Union is not stopping any strikers to return to their work, but "all the 10,000 want the strike to carry on."

Meanwhile, the sewerage system and drains in the base were choked, necessitating the culling of the fire brigade to clear them.

The anti-malarial work also stopped, threatening the health of the people staying in the area.

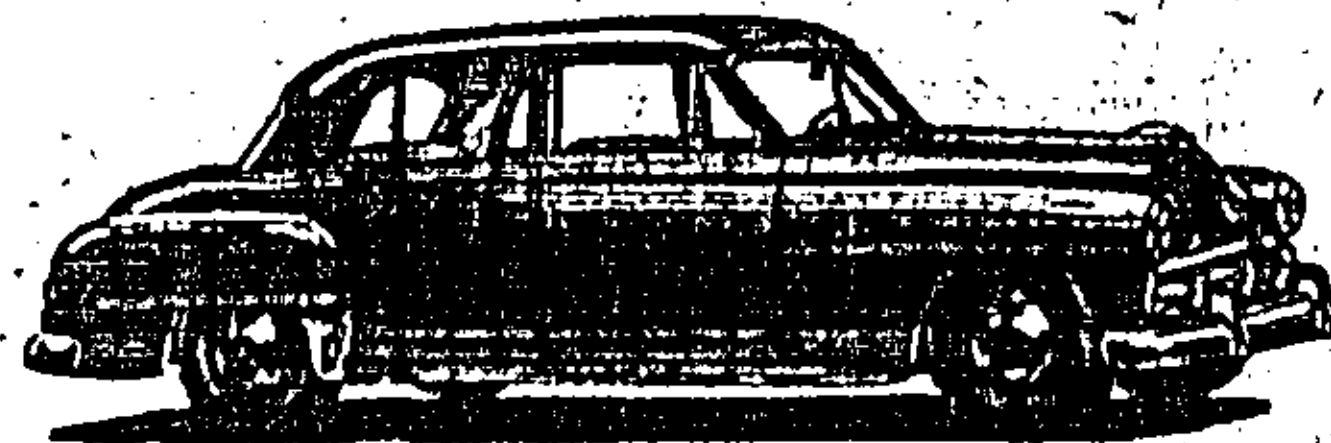
Three unions gave material support to the strikers yesterday as more unions announced that they are holding emergency meetings early next week to consider aid.—United Press.

NEW YORK STRIKE

New York, Jan. 1. New Yorkers spending the New Year holiday at home hardly noticed today that the biggest bus strike in the city's history had started.

Thousands of extra police were put on strike duty but the day passed without incident.—Reuter.

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French prima ballerina Renee Jeanmaire arrives at Victoria Station, London, to attend the premiere of her first film "Hans Christian Andersen" at the Carlton Cinema. Renee took over the screen part from Mollie Shearer as the latter was going to have a baby. — Express Photo.

Defence Official Critical Of Arms Production

Washington, Dec. 31.

Defence Mobiliser Henry Fowler declared on Wednesday that there is "urgent need" for better integrated military production in the NATO countries.

He gave as his personal opinion that one way to bring about a "more satisfactory long-range structure for the NATO defence effort" would be conversion of American military aid from shipment of finished goods to financing of European arms production.

Fowler's recommendations were contained in the eighth quarterly report on the United States' defence mobilisation effort.

The current report covers the period October-December, 1952.

Discussing the Atlantic alliance, Fowler said NATO countries have laid the foundation for mutual security during the past two and a half years.

Yet despite considerable economic and political strain thus occasioned, Fowler said, the most striking fact about Western Europe is its potential for far greater economic strength and development.

Fowler said "there is an urgent need in the period ahead to achieve a more satisfactory structure for the NATO defence production effort which will integrate the military production of participating countries—to the same degree that military forces are being unified—and through that means assist in increasing total production."

Pointing out that he was setting forth his personal views which have not been adopted as official United States policy, Fowler said henceforth U.S. military aid should be directed at creating a defence production complex in Western Europe capable of turning out the military equipment necessary for European NATO forces.

He said he expected the establishment of a European Defence Community will provide an opportunity for a change in U.S. policy along those lines. — United Press.

France's Population

Paris, Dec. 31.
The population of France will be 43,000,000 during the coming year, according to the National Institute of Statistics. — Reuter.

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Dr. Nadler called sterling "one of the principal key currencies" and said that once it was freely convertible on the current account "other major currencies will soon follow."

World's Largest Oilfield?

Edmonton, Dec. 31.
Development of what may be one of the largest potential oilfields in the world is to begin immediately, Overland Industrial Limited of Edmonton announced last night.

The company said that it had obtained oil reservations covering more than 600,000 acres in the James Bay basin of Northern Ontario. — Reuter.

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World Leaders Greet New Year In Mood Of Cautious Optimism

London, Jan. 1.

World leaders today greeted 1953 with hopes for peace and prosperity, tempered with a warning that they will not be possible without the will to seek them and the work to keep them.

Ordinary folk celebrating in their traditional ways tried to forget the world tensions, but many a glass was raised to a more settled new year and the end of the war in Korea.

Country by country, this is how 1952 gave way to 1953.

Washington: President Truman saw better chances of ending the cold war than a year ago. In the big cities, people crowded the streets to see in the New Year with a round of merry-making.

President-elect Dwight Eisenhower received a symbolic New Year's message, a blank sheet of paper from refugee youths of Communist countries in Europe.

Paris: The President of France, Mr. Vincent Auriol, expressed a wish for peace talks between the leaders of the great powers in a New Year message to the diplomatic corps.

He said: "I wish responsible statesmen may tackle discussion of the big questions that divide the world, far from passions, with no other witnesses than their conscience; with no other instructions than the vision of the disasters which their hostilities would pile up with no other weapons but frankness, good faith and the will to peace; and with no other agenda than a general agreement on the priority of the problems to be solved."

CHURCHILL FORECAST

New Delhi: Indian Prime Minister Nehru said in a broadcast: "May the New Year take us along the road to achievement."

He said the nation must work for self-sufficiency and a balanced economy. Prime Minister Churchill forecast an "historic" year for Britain. "Let us try our best to keep it strong and solid," he said.

Midnight bells rang from St. Paul's Cathedral and across the border, Scots maintained their happy Hogmanay tradition. At visiting friends one by one, and taking a drink with each, Moscow: People celebrated in nine degrees of frost. Fir trees and coloured lights decorated the squares. Moscow Radio said the Russians were "looking with joy to the future."

Korea: Scottish soldiers held their feat of Hogmanay, with the traditional dish of Haggis, made locally after one sent from Scotland had gone astray. On the other side of the front lines, Chinese troops made merry with wine, fruit and musical instruments.

TITO'S BELIEF

Belgrade: Marshal Tito called on Yugoslavs to have faith in lasting peace. He believed that the common sense of the people who are responsible would prevent a new catastrophe.

Wellington: Prime Minister Sydney Holland foresaw a "momentous" year on the Commonwealth held promise for

progress and room for confidence, tempered by caution.

Rome: Italians stacked up with food and drink for their "Cenone" or gargantuan New Year meal.

Pope Pius XII, spiritual head of the World's Roman Catholics, spent New Year's eve quietly in his private apartments.

Copenhagen: The death of Queen Mother Alexandra last Sunday has cast a gloom over Denmark's New Year.

The Hague: Mothers, fathers, sons and daughters—New Year is a family occasion in Holland—ate doughnuts washed down with "bishop's wine."

FREE LIQUOR

Singapore: British security troops made as merry as possible in the hot menacing jungle. General Sir Bob Lockhart, Deputy Director of Operations, against the guerrillas, welcomed a marked improvement in the situation.

Ottawa: Canadians from Cabinet Ministers to ditch diggers were invited on New Year's Day to shake the hand of the Governor-General, Mr. Vincent Massey.

Rangoon: Burmese queued up at liquor stores to collect quart bottles of local liquor—fermented rice juice—distributed free for the New Year.

Tokyo: Temple bells pealed as Japan had a tumultuous welcome to 1953.

At gay Western-style parties in neon-lit cities, Japanese observed the age-old oriental customs as they hailed the New "Year of the Snake" and said farewell to 1952 "the Year of the Dragon."

PEACE PRECARIOUS

Geneva: The President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, M. Paul Fuesler, in a New Year message today said that world peace was precarious.

"The energy and faith of men of goodwill are everywhere more necessary," he said.

M. Ruegger promised that the Red Cross would continue its efforts for victims of wars and conflicts.

It would continue to "defend, without compromise, principles of impartiality and universality which are its basis."—Reuter.

TRUMAN'S OPTIMISM

Washington, Dec. 31.

President Harry S. Truman said that the chance of achieving peace and ending the cold war all round the world was better today.

President Truman spoke at a press conference—his last scheduled before the New Year—and one of the last before his term of office ends on January 20. He declined to make a

general statement about the chances of achieving world peace, and at first, would not make any predictions, declaring that he was not a newspaper columnist. But then in answer to questions, he said the chances of peace were as good, even better, probably than this day a year ago.

When he was asked why he said that, he replied it was because he felt that way and he knew all the facts.

He repeated again with emphasis that the chances were better and said he was referring generally to the cold war all around the world.

CHURCHILL VISIT

He said he had not received any new plans for hastening the end of the Korean war. If he had any such plan, he would act upon it immediately.

President Truman said he was looking forward to a courtesy call from the British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, next week.

Asked what he would talk about with Mr. Churchill, he replied that he would have dinner with him and they would discuss "ships, ships, scaling wax and things" (quoting Lewis Carroll) just as they always did.

He said Mr. Churchill was a courteous gentleman and that he and Mr. Churchill were good friends. He thought they would discuss some historical events, the President added, implying that their conversation would be more concerned with the past than the future in view of the President's departure from office on January 20.—Reuter.

Russian Advance At Limit?

Tokyo, Jan. 1.

Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida last night expressed firm belief that the Soviet Union had reached the limit of its advances in international affairs. From now on, he asserted, Russian influence will gradually decline.

He asserted the Russians would not be promoting various peace conferences directed against the West if everything was moving smoothly in their favour.

Regarding Red China, Yoshida said he did not want to blacklist the Peking regime, since Japan's basic policy was aimed at fostering friendly relations with its neighbours.

But, he added, he did not believe it appropriate for Japan to extend a hand of friendship to Peking when Communist China (1) was unwilling to conclude a peace treaty, (2) has formed an alliance against Japan with Russia and (3) is lighting in Korea.

The Prime Minister said he did not believe that Washington would press Japan to return. If such a demand was made, he said, it would refuse to comply.

The 74-year-old statesman, in a New Year's Eve interview with Kyodo News Agency, said the "so-called Russian desire for peace" seemed to point to recognition by the Soviets that their policy against the West has been entirely successful.—Associated Press.

Envoy Gives Warning To Colonisers

London, Dec. 31.

Dr. A. R. Subandrio, Indonesian Ambassador to Britain, warned colonisers today: "The more you delay the establishment of national government, the more will be the nationalistic demand for the rejection of any trace of old ties between themselves and the ex-mother country."

He was giving an Asian view on Europe 1953 to a youth conference arranged by the Council for Education in World Citizenship, a United Nations organisation.

Dr. Subandrio said Asians were aware of the technical difference, but were conscious that, on the cultural, moral and spiritual sides, they were at least on the same level as their Western counterparts. The Asian view of Western Europe was closely related to the European view of Asia.—Reuter.

British Envoy Visits Korea Front



Sir Esler Denning, British Ambassador to Japan, and U.S. General Mark Clark, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command, salute the Korean colours as they inspect a guard of honour during a visit to the South Korean 1st Division. From left to right are Brig-Gen. Pak Lin Heng, 1st Division commander, General Clark, Sir Esler Denning and (behind) General James Van Fleet.—Reuterphoto.

Quirino's Blast At American Agency

Manila, Dec. 31.

President Elpidio Quirino lashed out at the Mutual Security Agency in a New Year's Eve statement charging undue "interference" in the internal affairs of the Philippines by the American Agency.

The President's statement was the first official and personal reaction to the publication of a report by the MSA on land tenure problems in the Philippines which said that the very existence of the Republic was threatened by the land tenure problem.

Lyttelton Broadcast To Malaya

London, Dec. 31.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, said today there were many important problems to be solved in Malaya—social, political and economic—but he felt the day was not too far away when "we can devote our minds and energies unimpeded to solving them."

In a New Year message broadcast in the British Broadcasting Corporation's overseas service, Mr. Lyttelton said "There are shadows which lie over the lives of our fellow citizens."

"The grim struggle in Malaya is by no means over but the support which the peoples of Malaya have increasingly accorded to General Templer has transformed the scene."

"It is not only a soldier but a statesman with a liberal outlook and imagination, determined to carry out effectively our policy of political advancement and progress for the peoples of Malaya."

"I saw him in London recently," Mr. Lyttelton said. "He made no promises of early peace, he prefers performance to promise."

"But it seems clear that the Communist terrorists have been forced on to the defensive and to a change in tactics. There are many important problems to be solved in Malaya, social, political and economic, but I feel that the time is not too far off when we can devote our minds and efforts to solve them."

The Colonial Secretary added: "Let us then enter upon this year of the Coronation of our young and gracious Queen with trust in ourselves and faith in our future."

"Given these, who or what can prevail against us?"—Reuter.

New Fasting Record

Rome, Dec. 31.

An Italian Fakir named Reikan, aged 45, today set up a new world fasting record of 77 days.

Reikan has been sealed up in a glass sarcophagus at Lecce in southern Italy since October 15. The previous record was held by an Englishman, Jack Water, with 70 days.

During his fast, Reikan has drunk 222 litres of mineral water, 27 litres of salt water, more than 19 litres of tea, and seven litres of sugar-free coffee.—France-Press.

Strip-Tease On The Way Out

London, Dec. 31.

Tonight was Londoners' last chance to see a strip-tease act—but not one was to be found in town.

Tomorrow a London County Council ban on strip-tease acts comes into force, prohibiting "any performance of a kind commonly known as strip-tease act, involving the removal of garments while the performer... is within view of the audience."

But the Windmill Theatre continues to stage more shows.

In Windmill productions, the undies adopt statue-like poses and now are classified as "art."

Strip-tease acts may still be shown in the provinces, but the ban is rapidly being imposed in all major provincial centres.—Reuter.

KOREAN PEACE IN 1953

Woman's Forecast

Berlin, Dec. 31.

Peace in Korea in 1953 was forecast today by Germany's woman clairvoyante No. 1, Frau Ursula Kardos.

The 54-year-old grandmother, whose second sight has made her consultant of politicians and businessmen, prophesied a change in world politics.

"The powers who are waging war in one hemisphere will conduct peaceful negotiations in the other," she said in an interview, published by the West Berlin evening paper Nachschewe.

"Though I erred in forecasting Germany's reunification for 1952, it will positively happen next year," she added.

She predicted great changes in Germany. "An old man who has a great influence on German politics today, will go. Prices will fall."

Disturbances in Asia will have dangerous effects on Germany, and resistance will grow considerably in Eastern countries. A lot of blood will be shed, but not in Germany," she said.

She concluded with the prediction that "1953 will be exciting, but there is nothing to fear, as the enemies will eventually agree."—Reuter.

Accusation By Naguib

Cairo, Dec. 31.

The Egyptian Premier, General Mohammed Naguib, said last night that Britain had tried to "strangle" Egypt by ceasing to purchase her cotton, "as happened under the old regime."

"Today we have no traitors in our midst to accept bribes," he said.

"We have sought new markets for our cotton and have begun to dispose of our crop."

He told 10,000 Army Service Corps recruits near Cairo that ten cops (Egyptian Christians) would be included in the Commission which will draft Egypt's new Constitution.

He told them not to heed rumours of Moslem-Christian dissensions, and said riot-mongers would be dealt with severely.—Reuter.

Newspaper Readers Pick Queen

London, Dec. 31.

Readers of the Daily Herald chose Queen Elizabeth as their top personality of 1952 and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, in fourth place in their list of seven favourites, the newspaper reported today.

Ran up to the Queen was John Bamber, 16, who was awarded the George Cross—highest award for bravery after the Victoria Cross—for rescuing his two young brothers and their dog from a blazing house.

Captain Kurt Carlson, hero of the "Flying Enterprise" sea drama last January, was placed third in the list. The Duchess of Kent won fifth position for her triumphal visit to the Far East.

Sixth and seventh were Sir William Penney, Britain's No. 1 atomic scientist, and left-wing Labour leader Aneurin Bevan. The Daily Herald supports the right-wing of the Labour Party led by the former Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee.—Reuter.

NEW YEAR FIRE

Seoul, Jan. 1.

A New Year fire swept through the barracks of enlisted men attached to a bakery in Yong-dong, south across the Han river from Seoul, today.

The barracks was destroyed. There were no casualties.—United Press.

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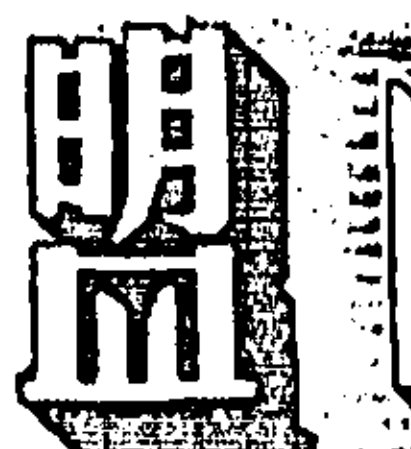
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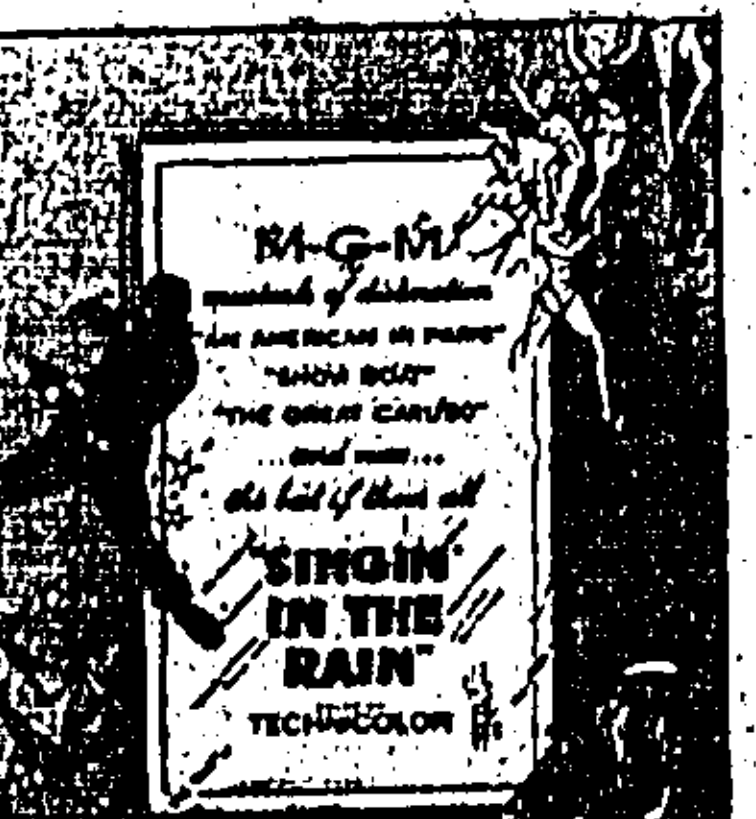
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THE THREE RED R's

That's the way Stalin

is catching 'em young

by GEORGE SCOTT



On the cover of "The Three Red R's" by George Scott.

AS for Apple. The Cat sat on the Mat. Goldilocks ate the Little Bear's porridge.

Remember? Of course you remember. And Russians remember much the same thing from early childhood.

But from his early childhood—ah, there the Russian takes a sharp left turn away from the traditional childhood lore of the Western schoolchild.

When the Russian boy is nine or ten he starts on the last phase of his education, digesting a diet of hatred for the capitalist system and pity for the workers who live under it, coupled with gentleness, adoration, and optimism about the way of life in the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies.



Little Vasya and (below) the title of the magazine that features him.

МЫРБИКА

They are well produced and charmingly illustrated. But all these apparently harmless qualities are seen in the end to be just a part of a carefully calculated progression to pure Communist doctrine.

LITTLE VASYA

SCHOOL attendance in Russia is not compulsory until the age of seven. The junior school year begins on September 1.

And in a children's magazine called *Murzilka* I have read—in translation—a story entitled "The First of September."

It tells of a seven-year-old boy's first day at school. He is happy, excited. Like the other children, the boy, Vasya Neshadurov, arrives carrying flowers and a big briefcase.

At their first lesson the children are taught what a sentence is.

"The children work out sentences for themselves. One after another: 'I can play football.' 'I went fishing.' 'My daddy works at a factory.' But Vasya can think of nothing to say. The story goes on:—

"Natascha, who sits next to Vasya, suddenly puts up her hand: 'We don't want war.'"

"Very good," says the teacher.

"Vasya looks at his little friend with respect. What a clever girl! This was really something. He no longer wants to form a sentence about mushrooms or strawberries. He too wants to say something that's really big, really important."

"And Vasya drops his eyes and looks up again and sighs. There is a portrait on the wall. Stalin seems to chuckle at him, he seems to feel with him, to help him."

"There! Now that's something big, the most important thing of all. Vasya's cheeks are aflame, his hand shoots up. Vasya stands up. And, in a

loud voice heard throughout the classroom, he says:—

"I love Stalin!"

"Very good," says the teacher, and strokes Vasya's hair."

So the deification of Stalin begins from the first day at school.

Coupled with the glorification of Stalin, with the inculcation of love of the Communist Fatherland, there goes instruction in the "degradation" of the West.

It comes, as an example, in the Russian version of "Boys' Own Paper." This is called "Pioneer." The issue in front of me has a charming sketch on the front cover of a Soccer match where, clearly, the Hope of the Side is saving the vital goal.

PIONEERS

BUT, inside, there is an article called "Letters from Far Away Friends."

The foreword says:—

"These letters were sent to us from our faraway friends—front pioneers abroad."

"They all intended to say a great deal, but they had not the time to do so. The young Parisian, Jean, had to interrupt his letter because he was afraid to be late for work."

"The children of fighting Vietnam had to rush to the air-raid shelter."

"The letters from the children in capitalist countries and colonies tell about the horrors of war, unemployment, and the impossibility of going to school."

"Quite different, bright and cheerful, sound the letters from the young pioneers of Hungary, Poland, liberated China."

Although Britain comes in for her share of abuse, it is

America which is most harshly and most often denigrated.

In Druzhnye Rebyata, a magazine for pioneers and schoolchildren, aged 10 to 14, published by the Central Committee of the Komsomol—the Young Communists' League—appears a book review headed "Stories about Africa."

"...What did the American, Mr. Elmsley, want in faraway Africa when he arrived in the peaceful village with his platoon of soldiers? He wanted the lands, which belonged to the Bantuko tribe."

KASANDA

MR Elmsley wanted to convert them into rubber plantations. The author tells of the tragic fate of the Negro tribe in his story "Secrets of the Belgian Congo."

"The hero—a young strong Negro by the name of Kasanda—refuses to leave his native land. Together with his comrades, other Negroes, he fights for the land which was their fathers' and their fathers' fathers' up to the last."

"But, in the end, they all perish in the swamps, from noxious exhalations, from the lethal stings of the tsetse fly, and, simply, of hunger. Only the toughest survive, among them Kasanda, and they go to work in the uranium mines..."

"So the Russian child goes through school, emerging after it all a true Soviet citizen, able to tell Soviet white from Capitalist black with the minimum of effort and the maximum of Stalinist reliability."

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"...and so her two repressed and emotionally unfulfilled elder sisters forced poor little Cinderella to conform to the behaviour pattern of a socially underprivileged domestic worker."

Who says pioneering is a young man's job?

HOW old do you have to be before adventure ceases to beckon? The answer comes today from a modest bungalow outside the unadventurous city of Bath; and it is, simply—You're never too old.

Consider the case of the Rev. Oliver Walkey. He has just returned to his bungalow after a 2,000-mile trip which took him 18 months.

Where did he go? Why, far up the Amazon, where few Europeans have ventured.

And he came back, calm and unperturbed, just in time to celebrate his 74th birthday.

Sent Himself

WALKEY, white haired, white bearded, had wanted to make the trip for a long time. Before World War I, and later in the 'twenties, he had voyaged many times to Brazil, felt there was still much missionary work to be done there.

But no missionary society would back his latest trip. They would not take responsibility for a man of his

age making such a journey. Too old, they said.

Nonsense, said Mr Walkey. If they won't send me, then I'll send myself. Which he proceeded to do.

He got in touch with his eldest son, 38-year-old Sam Walkey, a surveyor in Southampton. Would he care to join him at his own expense? He would...

The two men booked on the cheapest line to the Amazon they could find: £75 a head, tourist class, and only Portuguese food served past Lisbon.

They landed at Manaus, tourist stopping-off point 1,000 miles up the Amazon, and the end of the steamer run, with exactly £7 between them.

Says Mr Walkey, looking back now: "At Manaus, many thought we were mad. We hadn't enough money to put up in an hotel, but some kind man let us stay in his summer house."

"We kept faith with ourselves and our project. We wanted to see whether any

new mission sites could be established up the Amazon and also we wanted to map some unsurveyed parts of the river."

Their confidence was justified. Offers of help began to come in. An American offered them a launch—if they could fit it out themselves and make it riverworthy for the trip. Others gave paraffin and food.

Father and son fitted two bunks into the ancient boat, overhauled the tiny five horsepower engine, and set off upstream.

Son Sam was skipper; father Walkey was crew. And very nimble he needed to be, for the boat had no reverse gear and the only way to get going from a shore stop was for old Mr Walkey to push the boat off with a long pole and then jump aboard smartly.

Once their propeller hit a submerged pile and bent the shaft. When they raced the engine the craft vibrated so much that the seams began to leak, and more water came inboard than they could pump out. They had no choice—but to beach the boat. They ran it into a bank, and some local fishermen helped them to drag it up. Then they pulled out the propeller shaft, bored two holes in two pieces of hard wood, threaded the shaft through them, and bent it straight.

First Step

ONCE, a poisonous, bird-eating spider crawled over Oliver Walkey's bare chest; was luckily scooped up into a tobacco tin before it could sting.

The river was in full flood, running 50 ft. above its normal level. The tops of forest trees brushed against their hull; fish swam where bushes grew.

They stopped at every settler's hut, held services for Brazilians and Indians, distributed copies of the Bible in the Portuguese language, conducted sing-songs with an accordion.

Now the Walkeys, father and son, say: "We feel, we have proved that if you have faith, anything is possible."

"We learned that all we had to do was to be willing to take the first step—in our case, to book a ticket to the Amazon. One step at a time is enough, but make that step unflinchingly."

Downfall of a Matinee Idol

PARIS NEWSLETTER from SAM WHITE

AN echo from Mayfair's gilded past was heard in a dingy Paris courtroom last week. Sentenced to two months' imprisonment for a £25 fraud was a former French film star, Henri Garat.

Garat, now broken and aged, was cited as co-respondent in 1939, when Captain A. C. Cunningham-Reid, former MP, was given a divorce against his wife, Countess Mountbatten's sister, the former Clarisse Ashley.

Before the war Garat was France's leading matinee idol and his boyish profile still adorns thousands of sentimental coloured postcards. His private life throughout was tempestuous.

He married and divorced three dancers and finally married a prize suspect of the French intelligence service, Countess Marie Besobroff, found guilty later of wartime collaboration.

During the war Garat lived in retirement on his country property but shortly after the liberation he was fined for being in possession of quantities of U.S. Army petrol.

In 1949 he went into a clinic for a year, emerged apparently cured of drug addiction and married his nurse, by whom he had a son. He opened a toy shop in Paris—naming it, after his greatest screen hit, "The Road to Paradise"—but the venture failed. Since then he has taken various jobs as a salesman.

When he stood in the dock he pleaded: "I did it for my little son."

PLEASED?

DEPARTMENT of dubious compliments: A French diplomatic correspondent, Lord "Tug" Imray, "He is so British that except for the missing pipe he reminds me irresistibly of Stanley Baldwin."

SIR CHARLES'S DAY
SIR CHARLES MENDEL, that seemingly ageless boulevardier, celebrated his 81st birthday in Paris recently. There was no party to mark the occasion, and Sir Charles adhered to what he describes as "my normal schedule."

Here is the schedule: Sir Charles rises at nine and receives his massur in his nine-roomed, partly oak paneled flat. Then over a ten-and-a-half breakfast he settles himself comfortably before the telephone to read his large mail and begin the really serious business of the day—that of receiving a stream of telephone calls.

On the morning of his birthday they included calls from the blonde Baronesse Desvignes, Princess Simone Troubetzkoy, and the strikingly handsome Mme Marcel Roehrs, wife of the dress designer. Hollywood calls came in from film stars Arlene Dahl, Irene Dunne and columnist Louella Parsons.

By mid-day Sir Charles was impeccably dressed in a new suit made for him by the Duke of Windsor's tailor. By 12.30 he was taking his first dry Martini and receiving lunch guests.

The lunch was a "small" one—only 12 guests. Sir Charles's

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New York Press Applauds The Australians

New York, Dec. 31.

The New York Times, commenting on Australia's victory in the Davis Cup, said today, "Nobody can doubt that Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor are the greatest amateur tennis players alive."

"Inevitable, inexorable and invincible — what else can one say of Australian tennis players in recent years?"

After pointing to Sedgman's, McGregor's, Rose's and Rose's recent accomplishments, the Times continued, "Behind them are as many boyish tennis finds as the sandhills of America have future 'Big League' ball players."

"The Aussies are as good at tennis these days as the Russians are at chess and he would be a bold optimist who predicts that the reign of racket players from 'Down Under' is over."

"The best men won the Davis Cup this year and we take our hats off to them. They are great players and they fully deserved to win."

The Herald Tribune, in an editorial, called Sedgman "per-

haps the finest player the game has ever known."

The Tribune pointed out that both Sedgman and McGregor are expected to become professionals shortly but the paper added, "There are any number of superbly skilled youngsters in the Down Under-land who are prepared to defend the Cup in future contests."

"In this competition the standards of sportsmanship and the bonds of friendship between players and spectators have become ever more firmly established over the years. We are glad to join in offering congratulations to the fine Australian team and to the Australian people."—United Press.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SEVENTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

Thursday, 1st and Saturday, 3rd January, 1953

(Hold under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

On the 1st Day the First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race will be run at 12 noon. The interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2 p.m.

There are 10 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day (18 in all).

Through Tickets (18 Races—\$36) also tickets at \$2 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup Sweep" scheduled to be run on 24th January, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 31st December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5 D'Algar Street, Hong Kong
or
382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "ALL CLEAR" is given. The "ALL CLEAR" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-out Office. No claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club House at \$10 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 10 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Secretary's Office will close at 10 a.m. the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 47618).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Member's Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Member's Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MIBA,
Secretary.

YESTERDAY'S RACE RESULTS LILY SCORES SENSATIONAL VICTORY TO PAY DIVIDEND OF \$83.60

Highlighting a day of upsets was the sensational victory of Ng Bong-cheong's Lily (C. A. Lee up) in the Deep Bay Handicap for Class 4 ponies on the First Day of the Jockey Club's Seventh Race Meeting at Happy Valley yesterday.

Lily led from the start and, despite strong challenges, especially in the closing stages, from the first favourite, Perennial's Adorable Atlanta (A. Ostroff), it maintained its original advantage and won narrowly by a neck to pay the highest dividend of the meeting — \$83.60 for a win.

Youthful Robert Tsai rode three winners to top the jockeys' honours. He piloted Allied Victory to a half-length win in the second event to reward punters with \$81.90. His other two victorious mounts, Marine Charger and Heliohyte, paid \$30.20 and \$47.00 in the Seventh and Eighth Races respectively.

A slight mishap occurred shortly after the start of the Ninth Race when C. F. Ng was unseated from his mount English Cabbage. Mr Ng was unhurt and he participated in the following event on American Carrot which was unplaced. Two protests for crossing were overruled. The first was made by A. Ostroff (rider of Valbridge, the second pony) against T. L. Wong, rider of Lucky Strike, the third pony in the Seventh Race.

In the next event the Stewards objected to R. Tsai, rider of Heliohyte, the first pony. The protests were not sustained after evidence had been heard.

The second and final day of the Seventh Race Meeting will be held at Happy Valley tomorrow afternoon.

FIRST RACE

Tylong Bay Handicap (First Section). For Ponies Class 4, Jockey Allowance. From near the 15 Mile Post (About 1/2 Mile). 1 mile. 11.30 a.m.

Winnor	Time	1st	2nd	3rd
Ally Victory, 147, R. Tsai	1:10.70	2440	1690	437
Daisy Bell, 142, T. S. Leong	1:11.00	6030	4837	10671
Olivera, 152, V. H. Olivera	1:11.00	10001	10671	10671
Fei Chai, 152, H. K. Kwok	1:11.00	11062	9700	3393
Chun Chai, 152, H. K. Kwok	1:11.00	3700	3393	592
Ng Bong-cheong's Flying Arrow, 147, R. Tsai	1:11.00	328	502	8076
Queen Helen, 150, W. K. Leung	1:11.00	8220	8076	1250
Leung Yew's Goodwood, 152, A. Ostroff	1:11.00	1250	1538	

Unplaced: 140, T. B. Chan, 150, A. Ostroff.

Time: 1 min. 10.70 sec.

Places: 1st \$10.70; 2nd \$7.00; 3rd \$4.37.

Winning Dividend: \$81.90.

Second Dividend: \$30.20.

Third Dividend: \$47.00.

Fourth Dividend: \$3.28.

Fifth Dividend: \$3.28.

Sixth Dividend: \$3.28.

Seventh Dividend: \$3.28.

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TOMORROW'S CHANCES AT THE VALLEY

By "RAPIER"

The second day of the Seventh Race Meeting of the new season commences at 2 p.m. sharp tomorrow with eight events to be contested. The most important is the Clear Water Bay Handicap for Class 3 ponies.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Canaway Bay Handicap: One mile. The programme opens with a race for 1952 Subscription Ponies, which have won more than \$1,000 in stakes up to the time of starting are barred.

In looking over the entries I think the race should be decided between Eudora (Mr. Ostroff) and Hotsup (Mr. T. L. Wong). Eudora, which will be making its first appearance, completed the mile in 2.23.3 last Saturday morning, and, under the capable handling of Mr. Ostroff, I think it has the best recommendation for a win.

Hotsup, ridden by Mr. Hotsup last time, will be taken out by Mr. T. L. Wong. It should receive consideration as it is good enough to extend the above pony.

Gay Genius and Mr. Chips are coming on nicely in their morning gallops and I expect them to be fighting out the finish.

Skyrocket is the best outsider.

SECOND RACE

Tyram Bay Handicap: Six furlongs. Judging on past performances, Topper (Mr. Ostroff), which is a speedy animal, should prove the best over this short distance.

Deuces Wild (Mr. H. C. Woo) appears capable of out-tending Topper, but even with 154 lbs. to carry High Straight (Mr. P. Noddy) should have something to say about the finish.

Kentucky Moon, with Mr. H. M. Botelho up, is not to be neglected as it is essentially a sprinter.

THIRD RACE

Belter Bay Handicap: One mile. This race will be contested by Class 10B ponies. Judging from their training form, I consider Dixie Bell (Mr. Kwok) the best amongst the entries and in

my estimation it should win comfortably. (Mr. A. Noddy).

Fortuna (Mr. A. Noddy) should fill second place, and Shagrina (Mr. Oliveira) will probably take the other position.

As an outsider I suggest Speed Wheel (Mr. Chuang).

FOURTH RACE

Clear Water Bay Handicap: From the 114 Mile Post.

This is the main event of the afternoon and is confined to Class 3 ponies. Hellzapoppin, with Mr. H. T. Tsai up, came third in the Wornit Handicap over six furlongs at the 5th Race Meeting. Judging from that

run, coupled with the shorter distance it certainly appears to have the best recommendation for a win here.

Anything is likely to happen, however, and the defeat of Hellzapoppin by either Lovely Lady (Mr. C. L. Liu) or Empress Delight (Mr. C. F. Ng) is not by any means impossible.

True, Lovely Lady disappointed its backers at the last meeting, but over this distance I have a feeling it will redeem itself.

Empress Delight has been knocking at the door of success for a long period, and it is quite possible that it may spring a surprise in this race.

I consider Hellzapoppin the best pony here, with the Lovely Lady second and Empress Delight third, leaving Hurricane (Mr. P. Noddy) as the outsider.

FIFTH RACE

Blas Bay Handicap: One mile. Class 7 ponies will fight out the race here and I don't think I will be far wrong in stating that Hurry On (Mr. B. L. Tsai) has the best recommendation for the premier position.

Rovangen (Mr. H. S. Chang) may prove dangerous with V. I. P. (Mr. Ostroff) also having a say in the matter.

Santa Claus (Mr. R. Tsai), with 135 lbs. to carry, will probably attract fairly good support.

SIXTH RACE

Sywan Bay Handicap: From the 112 Mile Post.

This sprint race for Class 8 ponies is more or less in the

nature of a return engagement between Prince Dahlia (Mr. Chun Kit), Bright Bay (Mr. Chuang), Mabel (Mr. Kwok) and The Tigress (Mr. Samara).

In the Ripon Handicap over the Champion distance at the last meeting, in which they clashed, Prince Dahlia managed to snatch a grand victory from Bright Bay, but this was due

more to Mr. Chuang's over-confidence than the poor performance of his mount.

Tomorrow Bright Bay will be carrying 152 instead of 145 lbs. The pendulum in betting will probably swing towards Prince Dahlia by virtue of the win in the above race, although it has been penalised by 12 lbs. I think it will just about accomplish it again, but Bright Bay must be seriously considered as a potential danger.

Carrying 152 lbs. Mabel cannot expect to do better than fill third place, and for those who are on the lookout for an outsider, I suggest The Tigress.

SEVENTH RACE

Taiwan Bay Handicap: One mile. Confined to Class 10A ponies, Gladious (Mr. Ostroff) is about the best in this race and has accordingly been allotted top weight. This pony came second in the Mosque Handicap over 1 1/4 miles at the last meeting, and as the distance is only a mile, I reckon that it is allowed to make the running from the start it will prove just a little too good for the others.

The pony to watch, however, is Silver Fox which will be taken out by Mr. H. C. Woo. It has been showing improved form lately and it will give Gladious a keen fight of it.

There is also Blister Sweet (Mr. B. L. Tsai) to be considered, and a ticket each way on this combination may turn out to be a good investment. Golden Boy (Mr. Leung, The Soon) and Jericho (Mr. K. Kwok) are also good enough to win.

EIGHTH RACE

Taiho Bay Handicap: From the 2 Mile Post.

This race will wind up the day's programme, in which Class 8 ponies will battle out the finish. Among the ponies entered I don't think I shall be far wrong in stating the winner will come from among Penforce (Mr. Oliveira), Desert Gold (Mr. H. M. Botelho), Jorocks (Mr. H. T. Tsai), Strathpeffer (Mr. H. S. Chang) and Winged.

Penforce will have Mr. Oliveira up, and in view of the distance, I consider that it has a good chance of scoring a win here, but there is no doubt it will meet with serious opposition.

Desert Gold is running well during morning training and should be considered.

Jorocks (Mr. R. Tsai), it has been hinted, is a possible surprise packet, but has not done anything special while training.

Strathpeffer and Winged are also dangerous contenders and must not be overlooked.

Boys' Events

Flat Race (Handicap, 11 to under 14).—1. Reldar, Getz, 2. James Riddell, 3. Albert Rodriguez.

Flat Race (Handicap, 6 and under).—1. James Wilson, 2. Brian Forsgate, 3. John Huber.

Flat Race (Handicap, 7 to under 11).—1. Bill Gordon, 2. Rodney Kelvin-Hall, 3. Norman Wong.

Sack Race (Scratch, 11 to under 14).—1. In Guinness, 2. Michael Silvey, 3. Eric Flynn.

Flat Race (Scratch, 9 to under 11).—1. Ronald Preedy, 2. Luiz Silva, 3. John Donnelly.

Flat Race (Handicap, under 14).—1. Frankie Ribeiro, 2. John Tienan, 3. William Colledge.

Flat Race (Handicap, 4 to under 6).—1. Laura Gabriel, 2. Sandra Kingsford, 3. Lynn Rouse.

Musical Chairs (under 12).—1. Maureen Deng, 2. Michele Hart-Baker, 3. Allison Threlfall.

Egg and Spoon Race (8 to under 14).—1. Helen Feldman, 2. Eleanor Cormack, 3. Wendy Lee.

Relay Race (8 to under 14).—1. Reliance, Violet Sergeant, Patricia Butler, and Rosemary Ward.

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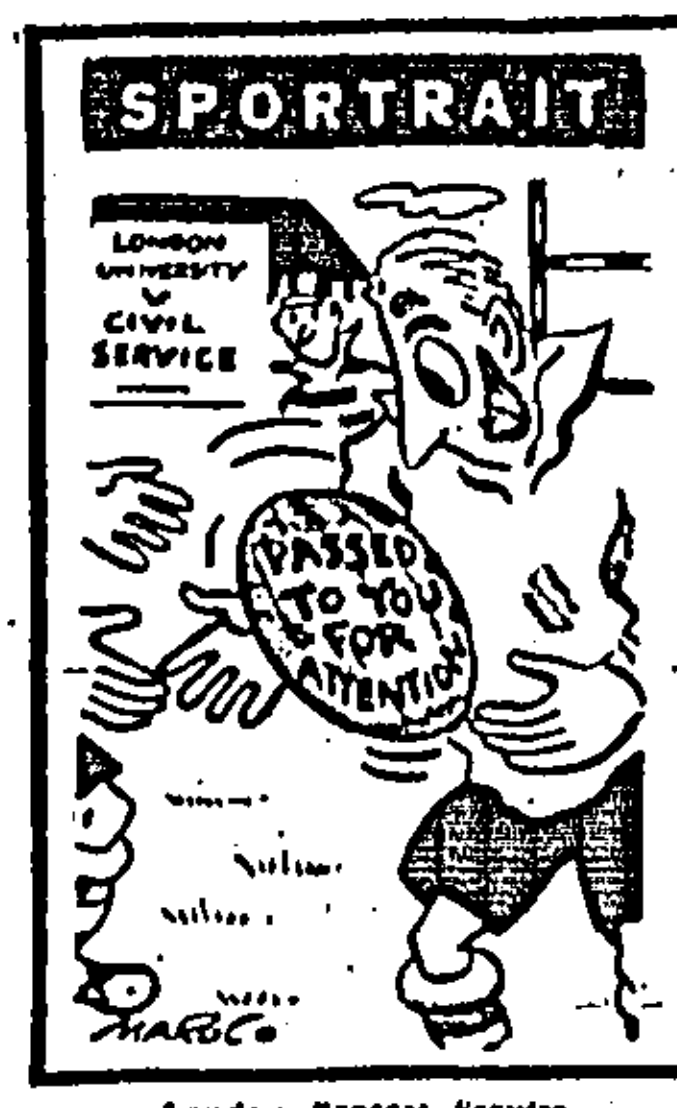
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KCC ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SPORTS

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, and Lady Grantham spent an enjoyable afternoon at the Annual Children's Sports of the Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday when more than 100 youngsters participated in numerous events.

Lady Grantham presented the prizes to the winners. Mr. Isaac Abraham, President of the KCC, expressed his gratitude for the attendance of Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham and thanked various organisations for their assistance in making the day a success.

The Pipes and Drums of the Royal Ulster Rifles entertained the gathering with Highland airs. The day was climaxed with a march of the children, led by the Pipes, round the compound.

THE RESULTS Girls' Events

Flat Race (11 to under 14).—1. Patricia, 2. Jackie Sergeant, 3. Gillian Dean.

Flat Race (9 and under).—1. Joy Drake, 2. Suzanne Furnival, 3. Hilary White.

Flat Race (8 to under 11).—1. Carol Djeng, 2. Suzanne Furnival, 3. Katherine Lo.

Flat Race (under 12).—1. Peter Anne Bailey, 2. Judy Alves, 3. Angel Morrison.

Egg and Spoon Race (7 and under).—1. Sylvia Piccolotto, 2. Lynn Rouse, 3. Diane Smith.

Flat Race (under 14).—1. Marla Piccolotto, 2. Carol Broadbridge, 3. Joy Barker.

Flat Race (4 to under 6).—1. Pamela Dickson, 2. Susan Woods, 3. Andrea Threlfall.

Flat Race (10 to under 14).—1. Wendy Lee, 2. Katherine Lo, 3. Elizabeth Stokes.

Flat Race (6 to under 8).—1. Laura Gabriel, 2. Sandra Kingsford, 3. Lynn Rouse.

Musical Chairs (under 12).—1. Maureen Deng, 2. Michele Hart-Baker, 3. Allison Threlfall.

Egg and Spoon Race (8 to under 14).—1. Helen Feldman, 2. Eleanor Cormack, 3. Wendy Lee.

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Flat Race (Scratch, 9 to under 11).—1. Ronald Preedy, 2. Luiz Silva, 3. John Donnelly.

Flat Race (Handicap, under 14).—1. Frankie Ribeiro, 2. John Tienan, 3. William Colledge.

Flat Race (Handicap, 4 to under 6).—1. Laura Gabriel, 2. Sandra Kingsford, 3. Lynn Rouse.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 52. Orders issued by Colonel L. T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hong Kong Defence Force. Dated December 30, 1952.

Force Orders

Alliances—Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve alliances between the Royal Regiment of Artillery and the Artillery Battery, Royal Hong Kong Defence Force, and between the Royal Army Pay Corps and the Pay Section, Royal Hong Kong Defence Force. Court of Inquiry—A Court of Inquiry is convened by order of the Commandant under the provisions of the Queen's Regulations to investigate the circumstances under which Truck No. 3719 became damaged on November 10, 1952. Resident Major G.H. Calvert, Members R.Q.M.S. W.T.J. Lane, MBE, OBE, and J.E. Phillips, DSO, will sit on the Court. The Court will sit on Thursday, January 9, 1953, at 3.30 p.m. in the Main Hall, Kowloon. The Court will sit on Friday, January 10, 1953, at 10 a.m. in the Main Hall, Kowloon. The Court will sit on Saturday, January 11, 1953, at 10 a.m. in the Main Hall, Kowloon. The Court will sit on Sunday, January 12, 1953, at 10 a.m. in the Main Hall, Kowloon. 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"SHENGKING"	Keelung	3 p.m.	3rd Jan.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	10 a.m.	4th Jan.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m.	5th Jan.
"SOOCHOW"	Bangkok	10 a.m.	7th Jan.
"HUPEH"	Tientsin	10 a.m.	8th Jan.
"PAKHOI"	Bangkok	10 a.m.	8th Jan.
"YCHOW"	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	10 a.m.	8th Jan.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	10 a.m.	10th Jan.
"FENGNING"	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	8 a.m.	12th Jan.
"ANKING"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	10 a.m.	10th Jan.
"SZECHUEN"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m.	10th Jan.
"FUNGING"	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	8 a.m.	20th Jan.
Sails from Custodian Wharf			
ARRIVALS FROM			
"HUPEH"	Tientsin	3rd Jan.	
"PAKHOI"	Kobe	5th Jan.	
"SOOCHOW"	Kobe	5th Jan.	
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m.	8th Jan.
"FENGNING"	Yokohama	10th Jan.	
"FUNGING"	Kobe	18th Jan.	

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SAILINGS TO			
"CHANGTE"	Sydney & Melbourne	18th Jan.	
"TAIYUAN"	Sydney & Melbourne	22nd Jan.	
ARRIVALS FROM			
"CHANGTE"	Kure	16th Jan.	
"TAIYUAN"	Japan	20th Jan.	

BLUE FUNNEL LINE

Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said.

"ASTIANAX"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	Sails 3 p.m. 2nd Jan.
"PERSEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	Sails 11 a.m. 6th Jan.
"AGAPENOR"	Hamburg, Liverpool & Dublin	25th Jan.
"ASCANIUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	25th Jan.
"PYRHIUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Feb.
"AUTOMEDON"	Dublin & Liverpool	23rd Feb.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

Sails	Arrives
"ASCANIUS"	Liverpool 3rd Jan.
"AGAPENOR"	do 10th Jan.
"PYRHIUS"	do 17th Jan.
"CALCHIAS"	do 23rd Jan.
"AUTOMEDON"	do 30th Jan.
"VATEUS"	5th Jan.
"TELEUS"	10th Jan.
"MENTOR"	18th Jan.

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S. Loading Swansea, before Liverpool.
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ARRIVING FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC COAST PORTS.

"DONA NATI"	5th Jan.
"AJAX"	20th Jan.
SAILING for KINGSTON, NEW YORK, via SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES & CRISTOBAL.	
"MENESTHEUS"	20th Jan.
"DONA NATI"	4th Feb.

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HK/Saigon/Singapore (DC-4)	10.45 a.m. Tues.	6.45 p.m. Wed. Sat.
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FROM	DUE
"BENALBANACH"	UK on or abt. 8th Jan.
"BENVENUE"	Japan 9th Jan.
"KING MALCOLM"	U.K. via Singapore 10th Jan.
"BENATTOW"	U.K. via Singapore 17th Jan.
"BENREOCH"	Japan 19th Jan.
"BENMHOR"	U.K. 2nd Feb.
"BENCRUACHAN"	Japan 10th Feb.
"BENALDER"	U.K. via Singapore 14th Feb.

SAILINGS

Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Antwerp, Rotterdam and Hamburg.	Loading on or abt.
"BENVENUE"	9th Jan.
"BENALBANACH"	11th Jan.
"BENREOCH"	20th Jan.
"BENATTOW"	21st Jan.
"BENMHOR"	5th Feb.
"BENCRUACHAN"	11th Feb.
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DEATHS

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Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke, at 10 a.m. 31st December, 1952. To comply with the General Banded Warehouse Regulations, Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after 31st January, 1953, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 15th January, 1953, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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m.s. "TAI KIN"	Due about 15th Jan.
m.s. "TALISMAN"	15th Feb.
m.s. "TORRENS"	3rd Mar.

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m.s. "TAI KIN" via Singapore ... Sailing about 6th Jan.
m.s. "TALISMAN" via Manila ... 10th Jan.
m.s. "TAI KIN" ... 10th Feb.
m.s. "TALISMAN" ... Mar.
m.s. "TORRENS" ... Apr.

FERN-VILLE FAR EAST LINES

ARRIVALS FROM U.S. GULF & PACIFIC PORTS
m.s. "HOPEVILLE" ... Due about 27th Jan.
m.s. "OCEANVILLE" ... 27th Feb.
m.s. "FERNDALE" ... 27th Feb.

BARBER LINE

ARRIVALS FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC PORTS
m.s. "BELLEVILLE" ... Due about 20th Jan.
m.s. "FERNFIELD" ... 2nd Feb.
m.s. "DONNEVILLE" ... 5th Mar.

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ARRIVALS
m.s. "HYDRA" ... In Port 5th Jan.
m.s. "HERMOD" ... 5th Jan.
m.s. "HERMELIN" ... 10th Jan.
m.s. "HAI LEE" ... 12th Jan.
m.s. "HAI MENG" ... 12th Jan.

LOADINGS
m.s. "HERMOD" ... 5/6th Jan.
m.s. "HERMELIN" ... 8/9th Jan.
m.s. "HAI LEE" ... 14/15th Jan.
m.s. "HAI MENG" ... 14th Jan.

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"CORFU"	6th January	9th February
"CHUSAN"	20th January	17th February

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore

Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CARTHAGE"	10th January	16th February
"CORFU"	11th February	14th March
"CHUSAN"	21st February	20th March

Accepting cargo for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London

FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards	From U.K.	For
"SHILLONG"	10th January	Japan
Homewards	Sails 7th Jan.	For Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, Casablanca, Tripoli, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg

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Tanks available for carriage of Oil in Bulk.
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P. & O.B. I. JOINT SERVICE

"ORNA"	due 5th Jan. sails 9th Jan.	from Japan for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi & P. Gulf
"ORMARA"	due 10th Jan.	from P. Gulf for Karachi, Bombay, Colombo & S. ports
"OKHLA"	sails 17th Jan. due 23rd Jan. sails 24th Jan.	from Japan for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Dabchi, Khartoum, Aden & Beirut

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"NANKIN"	due 4th Jan. sails 5th Jan.	from Japan for Sandakan, Bohuan, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Adelaide
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OFF ON TRAVELS AGAIN

Some 600 officers and men of the First Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment, led by the Battalion band, marched through the streets of Pontefract today on the first stage of their journey to Khartoum in the Sudan.

The much travelled Battalion returned to their depot at Pontefract less than six weeks ago after ten years overseas on duty, which took them to India, Persia, Sicily, Palestine and Germany.

This time they will be away three years.

They sail from Southampton tomorrow in the troopship Empire Ken.

Wives and families said goodbye to husbands and fathers for three years before Khartoum, 96 degrees in the shade even in the cool season, is not classed by military authorities as a family camp.

For Sergeant Ernest Wardrobe of Beis. J. Road, Hull, the three-year tour of duty will mean a long separation from his wife, who is serving with the WAAC in Germany.

They last met in September this year shortly before Sergeant Wardrobe returned to the United Kingdom after six years in Germany.

The Battalion will be commanded in the Sudan by Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Frendgust-Reuter.

New Year Amnesty

Belgrade, Dec. 31.
Communist Yugoslavia granted freedom tonight to 3,700 prisoners—most of them political. The names were not disclosed in a New Year's Eve amnesty proclamation—Associated Press.

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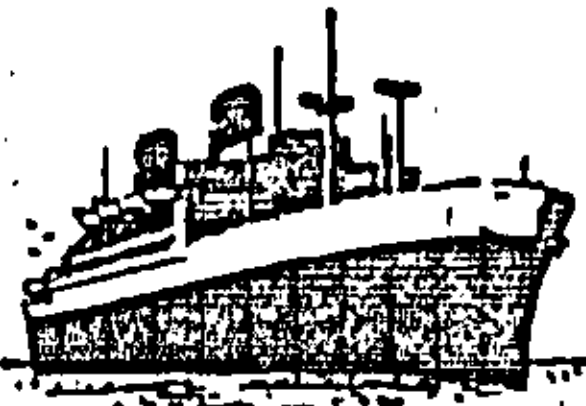
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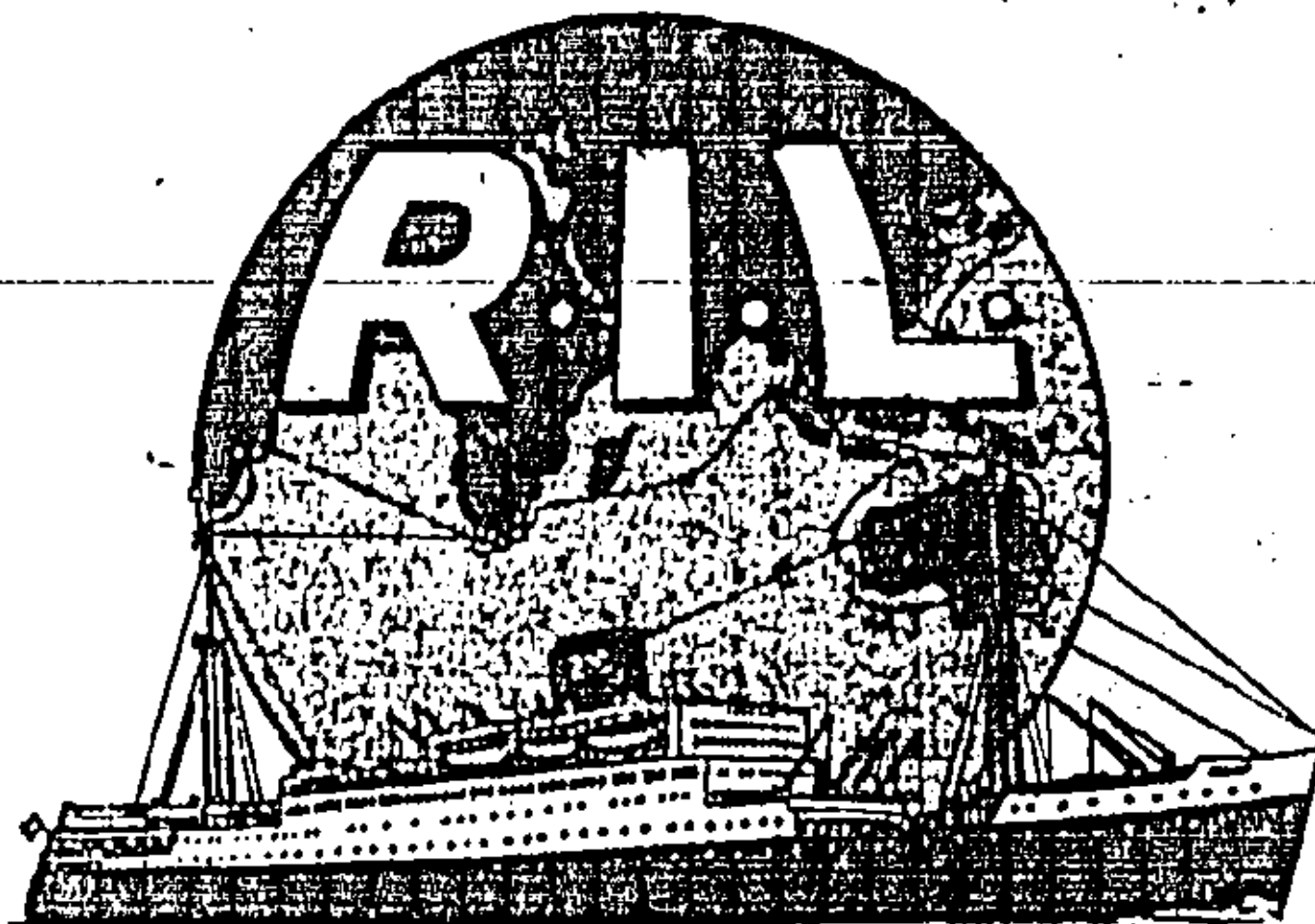
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S.S. "EASTERN QUEEN" Japan 10th Jan.	S.S. "EASTERN QUEEN" Japan 10th Jan.

ARRIVALS	Departures
S.S. "WINGHANG" Keelung 8 a.m. 5th Jan.	S.S. "WINGHANG" Keelung 10th Jan.
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"TJILUWANG"	Jan. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Surabaya & Macassar
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"TJIPONDOK"	Jan. 23	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJIBANTJE"	Jan. 23	Keelung & Japan
"TJIBANTJE"	Feb. 3	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TARMAN"	Feb. 4	Japan
"DOISSEVAIN"	Feb. 5	Japan
"TJIKAMPK"	Feb. 7	Japan
"TJILUWANG"	Feb. 9	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJIDODAS"	Feb. 19	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJIMONTENG"	Feb. 19	Manila, Singapore, S. Africa & N. America
"DOISSEVAIN"	Feb. 22	Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & N. America
"TJIBANTJE"	Feb. 23	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TARMAN"	Feb. 23	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli
"TJILUWANG"	Feb. 26	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJIDODAS"	Mar. 2	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJIBANTJE"	Mar. 9	Japan
"TJILUWANG"	Mar. 10	Singapore, Surabaya & Macassar
"TARMAN"	Mar. 11	Japan
"TJILUWANG"	Mar. 22	Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & N. America
"TJIDODAS"	Apr. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar

"VAN HEUTSE"	Jan. 10	Macassar Singapore, Penang, Belawan, Deli, Batavia & Br. E. Africa
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M.S. "KOREA"	Loading	20th Jan.
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M.S. "INDIA"	" "	26th Apr.

FROM PACIFIC COAST

M.S. "NIKOBAR"	Due at Hongkong	16th Jan.
M.S. "SERAMPOR"	" "	22nd Feb.

FOR PACIFIC COAST

M.S. "NIKOBAR"	Loading	20th Jan.
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National Referendum

Trick Led To Conviction

London, Jan. 1. Norman Glen Harris of St Austell, Cornwall, earned some fame for his habit of blinding the stoppers off beer bottles. He even demonstrated his prowess to a police sergeant.

Today, January 1, this led to his conviction for stealing beer from a local tavern. The police sergeant sent the demonstration stopper to a laboratory. Marks on it were found to be identical with marks on the stoppers of three beer bottles stolen from the inn.

Harris and his brother William were each fined £10 and a third man £5 for stealing 21 bottles.—*Reuter.*

In Egypt A Possibility

MONARCHY OR REPUBLIC

Cairo, Jan. 1. General Mohammed Naguib, the Egyptian Prime Minister, said today that if the people wanted to change the system of government from a monarchy to a republic, he would submit the issue to a popular referendum.

The committee which will draft Egypt's new constitution would be formed soon, he said.

In a New Year's interview with the Cairo newspaper Al-Ahram, he said the new regime had succeeded in achieving stability and unity at home.

"The Egyptian people now think with one brain and feel with one heart," he said.

"I do not believe in dictatorship, all the exceptional measures taken will come to an end as soon as corruption is uprooted and a government based on sound principles is solidly established."

General Naguib said that Egypt must find new markets for her cotton.

His government, he said, was striving to realise Egypt's full independence — "Independence with no strings attached."

NO FOREIGN DEBTS

"We are most anxious that the country should not fall into the clutches of foreign debts and consequent interference in our affairs," he said.

The only foreign aid Egypt received he said, was taken to the "Point Four" technical assistance (The American aid plan for under-developed territories).

General Naguib, commenting on the German-Israeli reparations agreement and the United Nations resolution on Palestine, said it is perhaps surprising that the West should give greater weight to the interests of 1,000,000 Jews in preference to those of 40,000,000 Arabs who command a strategic position ensuring world peace.

"The effect of these unjust resolutions on Egyptian and Arab opinion makes it difficult to achieve an understanding with the West."

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'll be another hour or so, dear! Towser is enjoying his exercise so much!"

Tribute To The Queen

Canberra, Jan. 2. The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, said yesterday that the security of the British Throne rested more and more on the personal quality of its occupant.

"In this respect, we have been and are most blessed," he said in a broadcast New Year's message to the Australian people.

Mr. Menzies said of Queen Elizabeth: "She must know, as indeed she does know, that we are fond of her, have faith in her and will ever be her loving and faithful people."—*Reuter.*

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, Jan. 1. Results of football matches played today:

DIVISION I		
Bolton	1	Charlton
Man. U.	1	Derby
Middlesbrough	2	Wednesday
Newcastle	3	West Brom.
Preston	4	Blackpool
Sunderland	2	Villa
DIVISION II		
Blackburn	3	Notts C.
Bury	3	Plymouth
Everton	2	Barnsley
Sheffield U.	1	Rotherham
DIVISION III (NORTH)		
Accrington	3	Bradford
Barrow	2	Clitheroe
Carlisle	3	Stockport
Darlington	2	Mansfield
Gateshead	3	Rochdale
Hartlepool	0	Bradford C.
Southport	2	Scunthorpe
Tranmere	2	Grimsby
SCOTTISH LEAGUE "A"		
Aberdeen	2	Dundee
Clyde	2	Partick
Falkirk	5	Third
Hearts	1	Hibernian
Motherwell	4	Airdrie
Q. of the So.	4	St. Mirren
Ruth	0	East Fife
Rangers	1	Celtic
SCOTTISH LEAGUE "B"		
Albion	0	Hamilton
Alloa	2	Stenhousemuir
Ayr United	0	Kilmarnock
Dunfermline	1	St. Johnstone
Forfar	0	Cowdenbeath
Morton	2	Arbroath
Queen's Park	1	Dumbarton

CHURCHILL RELAXES AT SEA

Sees New Year In On Board Queen Mary

Aboard the Queen Mary, Jan. 1. The British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, awoke shortly after nine to a morning of perfect sunshine this first day of the year.

He had retired not long after seeing the New Year with with fellow travellers. At the chiming of the ship's bell he linked hands with his wife and his daughter, Mary, sang Auld Lang Syne, and then made a short speech to the revellers who, he said, gave him "encouragement to go on in the New Year."

Shortly after the exchange of greetings he turned in.

Mr. Churchill is going to see President Truman and General Eisenhower before going on a holiday in Jamaica.

On New Year's Eve the Prime Minister spent much of the day in his cabin working on his war memoirs. Then he gave a cocktail party to the staff making a trip with him.

For the New Year celebrations he sat in the main lounge at a table where champagne was served near the band.

Called on for a speech, he said: "Some of you may think I should have gone off the stage with the old year."

And when this was loudly denied and he was cheered again, he said: "You have given me encouragement to go on in the New Year."

"I hope all will go greatly to bind the English-speaking world and the great Republic on the other side of the world."—*Reuter.*

Heiress Dead

New York, Jan. 1. Beautiful Millie A. Rogers, wealthy oil heiress, whose romances made headlines between the wars, has died in an Albuquerque, New Mexico, hospital.

She was 53 and had been bedridden for more than a year, suffering from a heart disease.

She had inherited \$2 million from her grandfather, the founder of the giant Standard Oil Company. Her father, Colonel H. H. Rogers, also an oil magnate, left her another million.

She married three times.—*Reuter.*

HUNGARY QUILTS UNESCO

Budapest, Dec. 31. The Communist Government of Hungary today announced its resignation from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). It accused the U.N. Agency of "serving American war policy, crowned by the admission of Franco Spain."

Hungary thus followed the lead of Poland which resigned from the organization on Dec. 6, charging it had become a "instrument of American propaganda." Among the Eastern European countries, only Czechoslovakia remains a member of the Agency.—*Associated Press.*

Eden Discusses Turkish Trip

London, Dec. 31. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, discussed the details of his forthcoming visit to Turkey and Greece with the Turkish Ambassador to Britain.

British diplomatic quarters expected the visit to take place soon after the visit to Britain of Marshal Tito, Yugoslav Prime Minister, next March.—*Reuter.*

Home Rugger Matches

London, Jan. 1. Results of rugby matches played today were:

RUGBY LEAGUE		
Bramley	17	Roadside
Belle Vue	3	Hunslet
Doncaster	7	Widnes
(postponed to Saturday, Jan. 3)		
Hull	22	Leeds
St. Helens	9	Leigh
Swinton	3	Salford
Whitehaven	11	Barrow
Wigan	5	Warrington
RUGBY UNION		
Birkenhead	8	Waterloo
Manchester	8	Sale
Watsonians	0	Newport

MIDDLETON'S NEW POST

London, Jan. 2. Mr. George H. Middleton, Counsellor at the British Embassy at Tehran until last October, when Persia broke off diplomatic relations with Britain, has been appointed British Deputy High Commissioner for India, the Commonwealth Relations Office announced.

Mr. Middleton, who is 42, will leave for India at the end of March.

In New Delhi, he succeeds Mr. J. S. Garner, who is returning to the Commonwealth Relations Office in April as Deputy Under-Secretary of State.—*Reuter.*

NEW REPUBLIC RECOGNISED BY GREAT BRITAIN

Rule Of Sultanate Ended

Male, Maldives Islands, Jan. 1. Britain today signed a treaty giving recognition to a new-born Republic — the cluster of thousands of coral atolls making up the Maldives, some 400 miles west of Ceylon.

This not only ended 836 years of Sultanate rule but liberated the girls of the Moslem Maldivian population from "purdah" — seclusion from male eyes.

The high walls which shut in the women's quarters of every house are being pulled down at the order of the 42-year-old President, Amir Amin Didi.

Newly unveiled, the chocolate-skinned women of the islands emerged from the white-painted bungalows and took part in the day's rejoicing.

More than 20,000 people from the 215 inhabited islands of the group gathered in the capital here for the celebrations.

Sir Cecil Syers, British High Commissioner in Ceylon, is signing a treaty recognising the birth of the Republic at a picturesque durbar—a State reception recalling the splendour of a bygone Maldivian civilisation.

The Republic, 400 miles south-west of Ceylon, will remain under British protection.

The black-haired women had a prelate of their emancipation yesterday.

The Maldivian heritage of navigational skill and trading is seen today by the development of the fishing industry. About 90 per cent of Maldivian exports are fresh fish. Ceylon takes most of these exports.

PORTUGUESE FIRST

The Portuguese first established factories on the islands in 1518. In 1648, when pirates were looting the trading ships in the Indian Ocean, the Sultan put himself under the protection of the Dutch in Ceylon. The Maldives exchanged Dutch for English supremacy in 1785.

This connection disappeared when Britain granted dominion status to Ceylon in 1948 and today, apart from foreign affairs and defence, the islands are self-ruling.

A Maldivian official representative said today that the new republic would cultivate friendship with all Democratic countries.

"As it is today, we have nothing to do with the British Commonwealth but our relations with it will be most cordial," he added.

"The Republic of the Maldives will continue the best relationship we have with Britain and our defence agreement with her signed in 1948 will remain unaffected," he said.—*Reuter.*

MAN OF ACTION

His election followed the death of Sultan-designate Amir, chosen to rule in 1945, but too ill to take up the post.

Amir Amin Didi and his family are a power in the 114 square miles of islands richly clothed with coconut palms which yield cereals, fruit, and nuts.

A man of action, Amir Amin Didi is immensely popular with the largely illiterate population.

The Curse Remains Unbroken

Modena, Jan. 1. The New Year has started badly again for the Ascarri family.

On New Year's Eve, 1949, Enzo Ascarri, 42-year-old farm labourer, went mad during the celebrations ushering in 1950. He was removed to a lunatic asylum.

On New Year's Eve, 1950, just before midnight, his brother, Carlo, two years younger, also went mad.

Carlo ran amok, stabbed his wife to death, then threw himself off the roof of the house. The clocks were striking midnight as he died.

Enzo, meanwhile, remained in a lunatic asylum.

On New Year's Eve, 1951, he was released and it seemed that the curse of the Ascarri family was broken.

At midnight last night, Enzo was mad again in the middle of the traditional celebrations. He seized a truncheon, drove his family and friends out of the house, and barricaded the doors.

It was late tonight before police were finally able to take him away back to the lunatic asylum.—*Reuter.*

Troops And Families Leave For Home

One Hongkong girl was among the several hundred British Servicemen and their families bound for Britain in HMT Empire Orwell which left port yesterday for Southampton.

The only Chinese girl aboard, the former Miss Fu Ko-sin, is the wife of Private D. Saunders of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps who is returning home after completing his tour of duty in Hongkong.

Mrs Saunders will stay with her parents-in-law at Bourne-mouth. They were married here last October.

The Empire Orwell arrived here from Korea yesterday morning with a full complement of troops for Britain. The 14th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, disembarked at Kowloon Wharf to take over garrison duty here.

When the troopship resumed her journey after a brief stay in port, the Korean veterans were sent off by the Pipes and Drums of the Royal Ulster Rifles.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.00, Children's Broadcast—King Arthur (H.K.T.); 6.30, Old Time Ballroom with Gayety (Thompson); 7.00, The Heritage of Britain (H.K.T.); 7.15, Tune Signal, World News and News Talk (London today); 7.30, Talking About Hong Kong (by Dr. S. S. Davis and the Rev. Father T. F. Ryan (Recorded)); 7.50, Gems from Command (Recorded); 8.00, Music by Robert Shaw Chorus with Orchestra; 8.15, Weather Report; 8.30, Music by The Heritage of Britain (H.K.T.); 8.45, The Lion and the Unicorn (Written by Jennifer Wayne. Produced by Laurence Gilliam); 9.00, Music Lovers Hour—Classical Requests presented by Celia Hinton (Studio); 9.15, Portrait of a Foreigner (A feature programme written by Robert Kemp; Produced by Robin Richardson (H.K.T.)); 9.45, Studio for Dancing with Fela Walker; 10.00, His Piano and Orchestra; 10.30, Weather Report; 11.00, News (Recorded London today); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Save the Queen; 11.50, Close Down.

Living Language

Why we say Lug along.

We may think of "lug along" and "lug-hole" as being vulgar expressions but in fact they are good English and of great antiquity. They both come from the Scandinavian word of the same spelling meaning an ear, and from *Lugga*, to pull by the hair. "Luggage" and "Lugsail" come from the same root.

Mail Notices

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

India-China, France, French North and West Africa, 4.30 p.m. Air Victoria.

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, USA, 5 p.m. P.A.L.

Formosa, New Guinea, U.S.A. (Seattle and Western States) Canada, 5 p.m. H.K.A./N.W.A.L.

N. Borneo, 6 p.m. S.S. New Zealand, 6 p.m. Q.E.A.

Japan, 6 p.m. B.O.A.C.

Malaya, India, Ceylon, Middle East, 6 p.m. B.O.A.C.

By Surface

Macao, 6 p.m. S/S Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

Slam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, Noon, via S.O.A.

U.S.A. Canada, Noon, P.A.A.

Slam, Burma, India, 4.30 p.m., Thai Airways.

Formosa, 6 p.m. C.A.T.

Japan, 6 p.m. B.O.A.C.

Macao, 2 p.m. S/S Hoi Hou.

S/S Republic, 8.30 a.m. S.S. train via Canton.

Formosa, 11 a.m. S/S Shengking.

Philippines, Mauritius, East and South Africa, 11 a.m. S/S Ruyi.

Japan, Canada, 1 p.m. S/S Maple.

Malaya, 1 p.m. S/S Hoi Hou.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m. Via C.P.A.

By Surface

Macao, 2 p.m. S/S Hoi Hou.

It's Purely Unofficial

London, Jan. 1. A protocol extending for six months an unofficial Chinese-Japanese trade agreement was signed in Peking yesterday, according to a New China News Agency message received in London today.

A \$20,000,000 barter agreement was signed last June by three unofficial Japanese delegates to Peking following the world economic conference in Moscow.

The Japanese Foreign Office has described the agreement as a "propaganda move" with no legal basis.

The New China News Agency said yesterday's step was aimed at promoting trade between China and Japan.—*Reuter.*

Students Show Off Talent

The Chinese section of the French Convent, Happy Valley, was yesterday the venue of many people who went to see the Second Art Exhibition by Catholic school students of Hongkong and organised by the Hongkong Catholic Students' Association.

None of the large attending crowd left disappointed for there was a very wide range of subjects on view. Some of the paintings showed painstaking care in the use of the brush and in mirroring the minutest details. The portraits were particularly striking.

Cruiser To Be Relieved

London, Dec. 31. The cruiser HMS Bermuda, flagship of the South Atlantic Squadron, will relieve HMS Euryalus in the Mediterranean Fleet, the Admiralty announced tonight.

HMS Bermuda is expected to sail for the Mediterranean in January.—*Reuter.*

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